

## **POWERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 31**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2025

Powers High School Library

### **ORDER**

Chairman Ram Bushnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Jeff Allred, Eric Aleskus, and Eric Anderson. Others present Superintendent Raeshelle Meyer, Business Manager Marissa Zoubek, and Dean of Students Sam Stevens.

Visiting delegates were Boyd Bjorkquist, Cheryl Dombrose, Gabe Shorb, Peggy Stallard, Lisa Hendon, Lindy Stallard, and Christina Jackson.

### **MEETING BUSINESS**

Jeff Allred made a motion to approve the agenda. Eric Anderson seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Ram Bushnell administered the oath of office to Cheryl Dombrose.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

- Ram Bushnell nominated himself as chairman of the board. It passed unanimously.
- Eric Anderson nominated himself as vice chairman of the board. It passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lindy Stallard presented a proposal, on behalf of the Alumni Association, regarding donating funds to make improvements to the weight room. Jeremy Mowe will help with the design. A committee will be formed to develop a first draft of the upgrade. The school board agreed to move forward with the upgrade.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Eric Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting on June 23, 2025, the minutes of executive sessions on June 23, 2025 and June 30, 2025, the minutes from special session on July 7, 2025, the board review of bills paid by the district, and the financial update. Jeff Allred seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Superintendent Meyer reported on the following:
  - i. Search Process Update: Boyd Bjorkquist will serve as an interim Superintendent through June 30, 2026. A search for a new Superintendent will start in January.
  - ii. Summer School: Superintendent Meyer stated she visited summer school. The kids were having a good time. She also met with some of the teachers.
  - iii. Federal Funding Update: Title funds are currently being withheld. This will impact professional development for teachers and dual credit courses for students.
  - iv. Staffing Update: The list of staffing assignments for the upcoming school year was included in the packet.
  - v. Facilities: The board discussed the possibility of PACE conducting a facilities assessment. It was decided that Superintendent Meyer would line it up.
  - vi. Copy of Calendar: A copy of the calendar for the upcoming school year was included in the packets.
  - vii. Cell Phone Executive Order/Policy: The District Equity Committees Statute was included in the packet. OSBA does not have a sample policy at this time. The policy will need to include what happens when the policy is not followed.
  - viii. District Equity Committees Statute: There is no policy regarding the District Equity Committees Statute. This is related to SB732. September 30 is the deadline for implementation.
- B. Approval of Contract for Acting Superintendent:
  - i. Chairman Ramsey Bushnell signed the approved contract for Acting Superintendent Raeshelle Meyer.
  - ii. Action Item G Accepting the Resignation of an Employee will be added to the Action Items. She read the resignation letter.

Jeff Allred made a motion to accept Melissa Harner's resignation. Eric Anderson seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

- iii. Boyd Bjorkquist will mentor Gabe Shorb and Don Martin in their roles as Athletic Director.

### **DEAN OF STUDENTS**

Sam Stevens reported on the upcoming cell phone policy that will be introduced. He read the policy they have put together. The district has received Yondr pouches. Additional information was included in the packets. When students are on campus, they will have to always keep their phones in the pouches. There will be an assembly on the first day of school to give the students an overview. The policy will be posted on Facebook. A letter will be sent out with the registration paperwork.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Jeff Allred made a motion to approved Resolution #2. Cheryl Dombrose seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- B. Eric Anderson made a motion to hire Boyd Bjorkquist as the Interim Superintendent. Cheryl Dombrose seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- C. Table until next month.
- D. The first reading of Parent/Student Handbook was held. The second reading and possible adoption will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- E. The first reading of Cell Phone Policy was held. The second reading and possible adoption will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- F. Table until next month.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- It is moratorium week for the athletes. A post has been made on Facebook.
- More chips need to be added to the elementary playground. A discussion was held about looking for volunteers to assist with the project.
- Discussion was held regarding the metal building. They will try to find someone to scrap the material.
- The elementary flagpole will arrive soon.
- The board has required training next month.
- The junior high volleyball coaching position will be posted.
- A signature page needs added to the staff handbook.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 25, 2024.

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Board Chairman

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Clerk